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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Brad C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: May 7-8, 2015

ACTION: Least Restrictive Behavior Interventions (LRBI) Technical Assistance Manual

Background:

The current LRBI Guidelines for students with disabilities has been in place since 2009 and requires updating to include relevant statutes and administrative rules, as well as current research. Previously, LRBI did not address behavioral needs of all students, nor did it include research-based best practices to reduce behavior that interferes with learning. Input from USOE Superintendency and stakeholders also recommended expanding and updating LRBI to address all students.

The LRBI Manual can be accessed at <http://schools.utah.gov/sars/Behavior/LRBIManual.aspx>.

Key Points:

1. LRBI has been revised to reference existing statute and Board Rule and provides LEA staff with the information to use research-based best practices to improve student discipline and conduct for all students.
2. This work has been in process over the last year and presented through in-person meetings, online dissemination, social media, and in previous Board meetings to a wide variety of stakeholders to solicit input and feedback. A draft document has been available for review since October 2014. Following the February 2015 USBE meeting, an additional stakeholder committee was convened that met an additional four times to review and discuss potential changes.
3. As this LRBI applies to all students, there will need to be responsibility/assignment for professional development from the USOE and within LEAs, in addition to that provided by Special Education.

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee and Board approve the LRBI Technical Assistance Manual.

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Recommendations: Work Group R277-609 & LRBI

May 7th, 2015



Dates of R277-609 & LRBI Work Group Meetings:

2/24/15, 3/10/15, 3/27/15, and 4/6/15

Work Group Membership:

Carol Anderson (USOE), Jessica Bowman (USOE), Leslie Castle (USBE), Glenna Gallo (USOE), LauraLee Gillespie (DLC), Linda Hansen (USBE), Dr. William Jenson (University of Utah) J. Lynn Jones (Nebo School District), Doug Larson (Granite School District), Dr. Rob O'Neill (University of Utah), Helen Post (UPC), Lillian Tsosie Jensen (USOE)

Recommendations:

- Proposed changes to USBE rule ***R277-609 Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions*** in order to provide procedural safeguards for the use of emergency safety interventions (ESI) for all Utah students, further define time limits for use of seclusion and restraint, and require parent access to records when restraint and seclusion is used with their child.
- Proposed Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions Technical Assistance Manual to USBE as USOE technical assistance on behavioral supports for all student within Utah educational systems.
- Considered needed additional resources for USOE and LEA (e.g., professional development opportunities related to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and ESI procedures) as outlined in R277-609.
- Identified the need for additional resources to ensure that the following gaps related to school discipline, student success indicators, and guidance and oversight on the USBE rules regarding student discipline and PBIS can be accomplished:
 - Absenteeism
 - Truancy
 - Dropout Prevention
 - School Discipline & PBIS
 - USBE Rules: R277-607, R277-608, R277-609, & R277-613
 - School Climate & Student Connectedness
 - Law Enforcement Involvements in Schools
 - School Generated Court Referrals
 - School Crisis & Safety